

Whereas Representative Rangel's acceptance of thousands of dollars in interest forgiveness is a violation of the House gift ban;

Whereas Representative Rangel's failure to disclose the aforementioned gifts and income on his Personal Financial Disclosure Statements violates House rules and federal law;

Whereas Roll Call newspaper reported on September 15, 2008 that, "The inconsistent reports are among myriad errors, discrepancies and unexplained entries on Rangel's personal disclosure forms over the past eight years that make it almost impossible to get a clear picture of the Ways and Means chairman's financial dealings.";

Whereas Representative Rangel's failure to report the aforementioned gifts and income on Federal, State and local tax returns is a violation of the tax laws of those jurisdictions;

Whereas disclosure of these improper acts follows an announcement on July 31, 2008 by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct that it is reviewing unrelated allegations that Representative Rangel has violated House gift rules, financial disclosure regulations and rules barring the use of official resources to solicit funds for private ventures;

Whereas an editorial in The New York Times on September 15, 2008 stated, "Mounting embarrassment for taxpayers and Congress makes it imperative that Representative Charles Rangel step aside as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee while his ethical problems are investigated.";

Whereas clause 1 of rule XXXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides, "A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall conduct himself at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House";

Whereas on May 24, 2006, Speaker Nancy Pelosi cited "high ethical standards" in a letter to Representative William Jefferson asking that he resign his seat on the Committee on Ways and Means in light of ongoing investigations into alleged financial impropriety by Representative Jefferson: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) pursuant to its authority under clause 3(a)(2) of House Rule XI, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, within 10 days of adoption of this resolution, shall establish an Investigative Subcommittee in the matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel or report to the House the reasons for its failure to do so; and

(2) upon adoption of this resolution and pending completion of the aforementioned investigation, Representative Rangel is hereby removed as chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

□ 1415

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution presents a question of the privileges of the House.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. HOYER

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I move to table the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to table will be followed by 5-minute votes on

ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1441, by the yeas and nays; and adoption of House Resolution 1441, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 226, nays 176, answered "present" 11, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 609]
YEAS—226

Abercrombie	Gillibrand	Oberstar
Ackerman	Gonzalez	Obey
Allen	Gordon	Olver
Altmire	Green, Al	Ortiz
Andrews	Gutierrez	Pallone
Arcuri	Hall (NY)	Pascarella
Baca	Hare	Pastor
Baird	Harman	Paul
Baldwin	Herseth Sandlin	Payne
Barrow	Higgins	Perlmutter
Bean	Hill	Peterson (MN)
Becerra	Hinchev	Pomeroy
Berkley	Hinojosa	Price (NC)
Berman	Hirono	Rahall
Berry	Hodes	Ramstad
Bishop (GA)	Holden	Rangel
Bishop (NY)	Holt	Reyes
Blumenauer	Honda	Richardson
Boren	Hooley	Rodriguez
Boswell	Hoyer	Rohrabacher
Boucher	Inslee	Ross
Boyd (FL)	Israel	Rothman
Boyd (KS)	Jackson (IL)	Ruppersberger
Brady (PA)	Jefferson	Rush
Braley (IA)	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Brown, Corrine	Johnson, E. B.	Salazar
Butterfield	Jones (NC)	Sánchez, Linda T.
Capps	Kagen	Sanchez, Loretta
Canquano	Kanjorski	Sarbanes
Cardoza	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Carnahan	Kildee	Schiff
Carney	Kilpatrick	Schwartz
Carson	Kind	Scott (GA)
Castor	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Cazayoux	Kucinich	Shea-Porter
Chandler	Langevin	Sherman
Childers	Larsen (WA)	Shuler
Clarke	Larson (CT)	Sires
Clay	Lee	Skelton
Cleaver	Levin	Slaughter
Clyburn	Lewis (GA)	Smith (WA)
Cohen	Lipinski	Solis
Cooper	Loebsock	Space
Costa	Lofgren, Zoe	Speier
Costello	Lowe	Spratt
Courtney	Lynch	Stark
Cramer	Mahoney (FL)	Stupak
Crowley	Maloney (NY)	Sutton
Cuellar	Markey	Tanner
Cummings	Marshall	Tauscher
Davis (AL)	Matheson	Taylor
Davis (CA)	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Davis (IL)	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
Davis, Lincoln	McCollum (MN)	Tierney
DeFazio	McDermott	Towns
DeGette	McGovern	Tsongas
DeLauro	McIntyre	Udall (CO)
Dicks	McNerney	Udall (NM)
Dingell	McNulty	Van Hollen
Doggett	Meek (FL)	Velázquez
Donnelly	Meeks (NY)	Visclosky
Edwards (MD)	Melancon	Walz (MN)
Edwards (TX)	Michaud	Wasserman
Ellison	Miller (NC)	Schultz
Ellsworth	Miller, George	Waters
Emanuel	Mitchell	Watson
Engel	Mollohan	Watt
Eshoo	Moore (KS)	Waxman
Etheridge	Moore (WI)	Weiner
Farr	Moran (VA)	Welch (VT)
Fattah	Murphy (CT)	Wexler
Filner	Murphy, Patrick	Wilson (OH)
Foster	Murtha	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Nadler	Wu
Giffords	Napolitano	Yarmuth
Gilchrest	Neal (MA)	

NAYS—176

Aderholt	Bilbray	Boustany
Akin	Bilirakis	Broun (GA)
Alexander	Bishop (UT)	Brown (SC)
Bachmann	Blackburn	Brown-Waite,
Bachus	Blunt	Ginny
Bartlett (MD)	Boehner	Buchanan
Barton (TX)	Bono Mack	Buyer
Biggert	Boozman	Calvert

Camp (MI)	Hunter	Putnam
Campbell (CA)	Inglis (SC)	Radanovich
Cannon	Johnson (IL)	Regula
Cantor	Johnson, Sam	Rehberg
Capito	Jordan	Reichert
Carter	Keller	Reynolds
Castle	King (IA)	Rogers (AL)
Chabot	Kingston	Rogers (KY)
Coble	Kirk	Rogers (MI)
Cole (OK)	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Conaway	Kuhl (NY)	Roskam
Crenshaw	LaHood	Royce
Culberson	Lamborn	Ryan (WI)
Davis (KY)	Latham	Sali
Davis, David	LaTourette	Saxton
Davis, Tom	Latta	Scalise
Deal (GA)	Lewis (CA)	Schmidt
Dent	Lewis (KY)	Sensenbrenner
Diaz-Balart, L.	Linder	Sessions
Diaz-Balart, M.	LoBiondo	Shadegg
Doolittle	Lucas	Shays
Drake	Lungren, Daniel E.	Shimkus
Duncan	Mack	Shuster
Ehlers	Manzullo	Simpson
Emerson	Marchant	Smith (NE)
English (PA)	McCarthy (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Everett	McCotter	Smith (TX)
Fallin	McCrery	Souder
Feeney	McHenry	Stearns
Ferguson	McHugh	Sullivan
Flake	McKeon	Tancredo
Forbes	McMorris	Thornberry
Fortenberry	Rodgers	Tiahrt
Fox	Mica	Tiberi
Franks (AZ)	Miller (FL)	Turner
Frelinghuysen	Miller (MI)	Upton
Gallegly	Miller, Gary	Walberg
Garrett (NJ)	Moran (KS)	Walden (OR)
Gerlach	Murphy, Tim	Walsh (NY)
Gingrey	Musgrave	Wamp
Gohmert	Myrick	Weldon (FL)
Goode	Neugebauer	Weller
Goodlatte	Nunes	Westmoreland
Granger	Pearce	Whitfield (KY)
Graves	Peterson (PA)	Wilson (NM)
Hall (TX)	Petri	Wilson (SC)
Hayes	Pickering	Wittman (VA)
Heller	Platts	Wolf
Hensarling	Porter	Young (AK)
Herger	Price (GA)	Young (FL)
Hobson	Pryce (OH)	
Hoekstra		

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—11

Barrett (SC)	Doyle	McCauley (TX)
Bonner	Green, Gene	Roybal-Allard
Burton (IN)	Hastings (WA)	Scott (VA)
Delahunt	Kline (MN)	

NOT VOTING—20

Brady (TX)	Hastings (FL)	Lampson
Burgess	Hulshof	Pence
Conyers	Issa	Pitts
Cubin	Jackson-Lee	Poe
Dreier	(TX)	Renzi
Fossella	Kennedy	Sestak
Grijalva	King (NY)	Snyder

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1436

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3036, NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1441, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 227, nays 188, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 610]

YEAS—227

Abercrombie	Green, Al	Ortiz
Ackerman	Green, Gene	Pallone
Allen	Gutierrez	Pascarell
Altmire	Hall (NY)	Pastor
Andrews	Hare	Payne
Arcuri	Harman	Perlmutter
Baca	Herseth Sandlin	Peterson (MN)
Baird	Higgins	Pomeroy
Baldwin	Hinchey	Price (NC)
Barrow	Hinojosa	Rahall
Bean	Hirono	Rangel
Becerra	Hodes	Reichert
Berkley	Holden	Reyes
Berry	Holt	Richardson
Bishop (GA)	Honda	Rodriguez
Bishop (NY)	Hooley	Ros-Lehtinen
Blumenauer	Hoyer	Ross
Boren	Inslee	Rothman
Boswell	Israel	Royal-Ballard
Boucher	Jackson (IL)	Ruppersberger
Boyd (FL)	Jefferson	Rush
Boyd (KS)	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Brady (PA)	Johnson (IL)	Salazar
Braley (IA)	Johnson, E. B.	Sánchez, Linda T.
Brown, Corrine	Kagen	Sanchez, Loretta
Butterfield	Kanjorski	Sarbanes
Capps	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Capuano	Kennedy	Schiff
Cardoza	Kildee	Schwartz
Carnahan	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Carney	Kind	Scott (VA)
Carson	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Castor	Kucinich	Shea-Porter
Chandler	Langevin	Sherman
Clarke	Larsen (WA)	Shuler
Clay	Larson (CT)	Sires
Cleaver	Lee	Skelton
Clyburn	Levin	Slaughter
Cohen	Lewis (GA)	Smith (WA)
Cooper	Lipinski	Snyder
Costa	Loebuck	Solis
Costello	Lofgren, Zoe	Space
Courtney	Lowey	Speier
Cramer	Lynch	Spratt
Crowley	Mahoney (FL)	Stark
Cuellar	Maloney (NY)	Sutton
Cummings	Markey	Tanner
Davis (AL)	Marshall	Tauscher
Davis (CA)	Matheson	Taylor
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
Davis, Lincoln	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	McCollum (MN)	Tierney
DeGette	McDermott	Towns
Delahunt	McGovern	Tsongas
DeLauro	McIntyre	Udall (CO)
Dicks	McNerney	Udall (NM)
Dingell	McNulty	Van Hollen
Doggett	Meek (FL)	Velázquez
Donnelly	Meeks (NY)	Visclosky
Doyle	Melancon	Walz (MN)
Edwards (MD)	Michaud	Wasserman
Edwards (TX)	Miller (NC)	Schultz
Ellison	Miller, George	Waters
Ellsworth	Mitchell	Watson
Emanuel	Mollohan	Watt
Engel	Moore (KS)	Waxman
Eshoo	Moore (WI)	Weiner
Etheridge	Moran (VA)	Welch (VT)
Farr	Murphy (CT)	Wexler
Fattah	Murphy, Patrick	Wilson (OH)
Filner	Murtha	Woolsey
Foster	Nadler	Wu
Frank (MA)	Napolitano	Yarmuth
Giffords	Neal (MA)	
Gillibrand	Oberstar	
Gonzalez	Obey	
Gordon	Oliver	

NAYS—188

Aderholt	Blackburn	Burton (IN)
Akin	Blunt	Buyer
Alexander	Boehner	Calvert
Bachmann	Bonner	Camp (MI)
Bachus	Bono Mack	Campbell (CA)
Barrett (SC)	Boozman	Cannon
Bartlett (MD)	Boustany	Cantor
Barton (TX)	Broun (GA)	Capito
Biggert	Brown (SC)	Carter
Bilbray	Brown-Waite,	Castle
Bilirakis	Ginny	Cazayoux
Bishop (UT)	Buchanan	Chabot

Childers	Jones (NC)	Putnam
Coble	Jordan	Radanovich
Cole (OK)	Keller	Ramstad
Conaway	King (IA)	Regula
Crenshaw	Kingston	Rehberg
Culberson	Kirk	Renzi
Davis (KY)	Kline (MN)	Reynolds
Davis, David	Knollenberg	Rogers (AL)
Davis, Tom	Kuhl (NY)	Rogers (KY)
Deal (GA)	LaHood	Rogers (MI)
Dent	Lamborn	Rohrabacher
Diaz-Balart, L.	Latham	Roskam
Diaz-Balart, M.	LaTourette	Royce
Doolittle	Latta	Ryan (WI)
Drake	Lewis (CA)	Sali
Duncan	Lewis (KY)	Saxton
Ehlers	Linder	Scalise
Emerson	LoBiondo	Schmidt
English (PA)	Lucas	Sensenbrenner
Everett	Lungren, Daniel E.	Sessions
Fallin	Mack	Shadegg
Feeney	Manzullo	Shays
Ferguson	Flake	Shimkus
Gingrey	Marchant	Shuster
Gohmert	Forbes	Simpson
Goode	Fortenberry	Smith (NE)
Goodlatte	Fossella	Smith (NJ)
Granger	Fox	Smith (TX)
Graves	Franks (AZ)	Souder
Hall (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Stearns
Hastings (WA)	Gallegly	Sullivan
Hayes	Garrett (NJ)	Tancred
Heller	Gerlach	Terry
Hensarling	Gilchrest	Thornberry
Herger	Gingrey	Tiahrt
Hill	Gohmert	Tiberi
Hobson	Goode	Turner
Hoekstra	Goodlatte	Upton
Platts	Granger	Walberg
Porter	Graves	Walden (OR)
Price (GA)	Hall (TX)	Walsh (NY)
Pryce (OH)	Hastings (WA)	Wamp
	Hayes	Weldon (FL)
	Heller	Weller
	Hensarling	Westmoreland
	Herger	Whitfield (KY)
	Hill	Wilson (NM)
	Hobson	Wilson (SC)
	Hoekstra	Wittman (VA)
	Hunter	Wolf
	Inglis (SC)	Young (FL)
	Johnson, Sam	

NOT VOTING—18

Berman	Hastings (FL)	Pence
Brady (TX)	Hulshof	Pitts
Burgess	Issa	Poe
Conyers	Jackson-Lee	Sestak
Cubin	(TX)	Young (AK)
Dreier	King (NY)	
Grijalva	Lampson	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are less than 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1447

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 182, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 611]

YEAS—221

Abercrombie	Arcuri	Bean
Ackerman	Baca	Becerra
Allen	Baird	Berry
Altmire	Baldwin	Bishop (GA)
Andrews	Barrow	Bishop (NY)

Blumenauer	Hinchey	Perlmutter
Boren	Hinojosa	Peterson (MN)
Boswell	Hirono	Pomeroy
Boucher	Hodes	Price (NC)
Boyd (FL)	Holden	Rahall
Boyda (KS)	Holt	Ramstad
Brady (PA)	Honda	Rangel
Braley (IA)	Hooley	Reyes
Brown, Corrine	Hoyer	Richardson
Butterfield	Inslee	Rodriguez
Capps	Israel	Ross
Capuano	Jackson (IL)	Rothman
Cardoza	Jefferson	Royal-Ballard
Carnahan	Johnson (GA)	Ruppersberger
Carney	Johnson, E. B.	Rush
Carson	Kagen	Ryan (OH)
Castle	Kanjorski	Salazar
Castor	Kaptur	Sánchez, Linda T.
Cazayoux	Kildee	Sanchez, Loretta
Chandler	Kilpatrick	Sarbanes
Childers	Kind	Schakowsky
Clarke	Klein (FL)	Schiff
Clay	Kucinich	Schwartz
Cleaver	Langevin	Scott (GA)
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Cohen	Larson (CT)	Serrano
Cooper	Lee	Shea-Porter
Costa	Levin	Sherman
Costello	Lewis (GA)	Shuler
Courtney	Lipinski	Sires
Cramer	Loebuck	Skelton
Crowley	Lofgren, Zoe	Smith (WA)
Cuellar	Lowey	Snyder
Cummings	Lynch	Solis
Davis (AL)	Mahoney (FL)	Space
Davis (CA)	Maloney (NY)	Speier
Davis (IL)	Markey	Spratt
Davis, Lincoln	Marshall	Stark
DeFazio	Matheson	Stupak
DeGette	Matsui	Sutton
Delahunt	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
DeLauro	McCollum (MN)	Tauscher
Dicks	McDermott	Taylor
Dingell	McGovern	Thompson (CA)
Doggett	McIntyre	Thompson (MS)
Donnelly	McNerney	Tierney
Doyle	McNulty	Towns
Edwards (MD)	Meek (FL)	Tsongas
Edwards (TX)	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Ellison	Michaud	Udall (NM)
Ellsworth	Miller (NC)	Van Hollen
Emanuel	Miller, George	Velázquez
Engel	Mitchell	Visclosky
Eshoo	Mollohan	Walz (MN)
Etheridge	Moore (KS)	Wasserman
Farr	Moore (WI)	Schultz
Fattah	Moran (VA)	Watson
Filner	Murphy (CT)	Watt
Foster	Murphy, Patrick	Waxman
Frank (MA)	Murtha	Weiner
Giffords	Nadler	Welch (VT)
Gillibrand	Napolitano	Wexler
Gonzalez	Neal (MA)	Wilson (OH)
Gordon	Oberstar	Woolsey
	Obey	Wu
	Oliver	Yarmuth

NAYS—182

Aderholt	Cantor	Forbes
Akin	Capito	Fortenberry
Alexander	Carter	Fossella
Bachmann	Chabot	Fox
Barrett (SC)	Coble	Franks (AZ)
Bartlett (MD)	Cole (OK)	Frelinghuysen
Barton (TX)	Conaway	Gallegly
Bilbray	Crenshaw	Garrett (NJ)
Bilirakis	Culberson	Gerlach
Bishop (UT)	Davis (KY)	Gilchrest
Blackburn	Davis, David	Gingrey
Blunt	Davis, Tom	Gohmert
Boehner	Deal (GA)	Goode
Bonner	Dent	Goodlatte
Bono Mack	Diaz-Balart, L.	Granger
Boozman	Diaz-Balart, M.	Graves
Boustany	Doolittle	Hall (TX)
Broun (GA)	Drake	Hastings (WA)
Brown (SC)	Duncan	Hayes
Brown-Waite,	Ehlers	Heller
Ginny	Emerson	Hensarling
Buchanan	English (PA)	Herger
Burton (IN)	Everett	Hill
Calvert	Fallin	Hobson
Camp (MI)	Feeney	Hoekstra
Campbell (CA)	Ferguson	Hunter
Cannon	Flake	Inglis (SC)

Johnson (IL)	Miller (FL)	Schmidt
Johnson, Sam	Miller (MI)	Sensenbrenner
Jones (NC)	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Jordan	Moran (KS)	Shadegg
Keller	Murphy, Tim	Shays
King (IA)	Musgrave	Shimkus
Kingston	Myrick	Shuster
Kirk	Neugebauer	Simpson
Kline (MN)	Nunes	Smith (NE)
Knollenberg	Paul	Smith (NJ)
Kuhl (NY)	Pearce	Smith (TX)
LaHood	Petri	Souder
Lamborn	Pickering	Stearns
Latham	Platts	Sullivan
LaTourette	Porter	Tancredo
Latta	Price (GA)	Terry
Lewis (CA)	Pryce (OH)	Thornberry
Lewis (KY)	Putnam	Tiahrt
Linder	Radanovich	Tiberi
LoBiondo	Regula	Turner
Lucas	Rehberg	Upton
Lungren, Daniel	Reichert	Walberg
E.	Renzi	Walden (OR)
Mack	Reynolds	Walsh (NY)
Manzullo	Rogers (AL)	Wamp
Marchant	Rogers (KY)	Weldon (FL)
McCarthy (CA)	Rogers (MI)	Weller
McCaul (TX)	Rohrabacher	Westmoreland
McCotter	Ros-Lehtinen	Whitfield (KY)
McHenry	Roskam	Wilson (NM)
McHugh	Royce	Wilson (SC)
McKeon	Ryan (WI)	Wittman (VA)
McMorris	Sali	Wolf
Rodgers	Saxton	Young (FL)
Mica	Scalise	

NOT VOTING—30

Bachus	Green, Gene	Melancon
Berkley	Grijalva	Neal (MA)
Berman	Hastings (FL)	Pence
Biggert	Hulshof	Peterson (PA)
Brady (TX)	Issa	Pitts
Burgess	Jackson-Lee	Poe
Buyer	(TX)	Sestak
Conyers	Kennedy	Waters
Cubin	King (NY)	Young (AK)
Dreier	Lampson	
Ellison	McCrery	

□ 1454

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I was called away on personal business. I regret that I was not present for the following votes:

Ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1449. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On agreeing to H. Res. 1449. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

On the motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 6604. Had I been present I would have voted "nay."

On passage of H.R. 6604. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

On the motion to table H. Res. 1460. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

On ordering the previous question on H. Res. 1441. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

On agreeing to H. Res. 1441. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 6604, COMMODITY MARKETS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2008

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that

the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 6604, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross-referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WEINER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3001. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

S. 3002. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

S. 3003. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 3004. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material into the RECORD on H.R. 3036.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE ACT OF 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1441 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3036.

□ 1455

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3036) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 regarding environmental education, and for other purposes, with Mr. ROSS in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the gentleman from California (Mr. MCKEON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Chairman, it is my pleasure to rise today to speak in support of the No Child Left Inside Act of 2008 which I was privileged to sponsor and which really, I think, sets a new foundation for focus on environmental education in this country as we move forward at a critical time in our Nation's history.

Before I speak to the merits, I want to make sure that I thank Chairman GEORGE MILLER, chairman of the Education and Labor Committee, for his strong support of the No Child Left Inside Act and for being a champion throughout his career for environmental education. His involvement in this bill and his strong support signals that we are setting a foundation today to make sure that when it comes time to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act next year that environmental education will be a critical and important component of that reauthorization.

I also want to thank Chairman DALE KILDEE, chairman of the subcommittee that had jurisdiction over the No Child Left Inside Act, as well as Chairwoman MCCARTHY whose committee has jurisdiction with respect to the National Environmental Education Act which this extends.

We persuaded Chairman KILDEE to conduct a field hearing in Maryland at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, and we did it outdoors. I am not sure that he had done that before, but it went off beautifully. We got very, very powerful testimony from children and parents, teachers and environmentalists and other advocates for this legislation.

I want to salute the coalition, the No Child Left Inside Act Coalition, which consists at last count of more than 700 organizations across the country, national organizations, regional organizations, and local organizations who came together to support this important piece of legislation representing over 40 million members in these organizations. That coalition, and this gives you a sense of what this legislation means, that coalition included public health advocates, environmentalists, educators, sportsmen, zoos, parks and other outdoor education centers, faith-based organizations, as well as businesses.

I want to give some special recognition to my home State of Maryland and their role in leading and helping organize this coalition and to the Governor of Maryland, Governor O'Malley, and the Secretary of Education, Nancy Grasmick, for also stepping up and doing at the State level what we are trying to effect across the country.

Finally, I have to salute the children and parents who came to the rallies and to the hearings that we have conducted on No Child Left Inside Act over